How Is It With The Atom?

Eighth grade students of Mrs. Nancy Jones (far left) were asked last week to "visualize" the atomic structure of various elements and to use any suitable materials to carry out the project. Result? Diane Smith, Jack Smith, Steve Weakley, Janice Gagneur and Phyllis Tweedy are holding "illustrated atoms", both mobile and stationary models constructed with marshmellows, rolled up chewing gum papers, foil, marbles, buttons, checkers, etc. Principal L. A. Beamon aided the project by handing some of the mobile models, with assistance from some student scientists who know that what goes up must come down. They were the "safety men" on that play by bracing the ladder so that his descent would be as uneventful as the "going up" to the project.

Students Seek To Explain Nature Of Matter

by Mrs. Nancy Jones, Instructor

Students in the Physical Science Classes at Appomattox Intermediate School have been involved in seeking to explain the nature of matter. They researched theories advanced by the Greeks, early scientists, including John Dalton, and later scientists such as J. J. Thomson, Lord Rutherford and Neils Bohr. This helped them establish a workable model of the adam.

Each student culminated his study by constructing a three dimensional model of an atom of any element. This activity enabled him to answer the following questions: Why do chemical reactions take place? Why do elements lose their original properties when they combine to form compounds? What determines the proportions of elements in compounds? How do you write formulas for compounds? How are chemical reactions different from nuclear reactions?

The projects which filled room 33 to overflowing capacity reflected creativity and ingenuity. Materials ran the gamut from styrofom balls, wire, and string to beans, buttons, coins, modeling clay (prepared & colored by students), vitamin pills, saccharine tablets, macaroni, marshmellows, checkers, match heads, cloth, aluminum foil, glitter, and marbles. There were almost as many different media as there were students.

Behavorial goals of observation, investigation, interpretation, research, critical study of conclusions were reached. No wonder the concepts were learned as a result of such individual involvement.

All HD Members Are Invited

by Rebecca M. Johnson

Clothing leaders in each H.D. Club must remember to be present at the leader training meeting for January and February, to be held in the District Extension Office on December 15. From 10 a.m. to 12 noon the January topic will be discussed, "Understanding the Different Kinds of Knit Fabrics". From 1:30 to 3:30 the February topic will be discussed, "Sewing with Knits". Please come and bring a friend!

ST. LUKE

Regular preaching services were well attended at The St. Luke Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 5, 1971. The pastor, Rev. McLaughlin was in charge. The message was inspiring. The choir sang Christmas hymns. The offering was good. Tithing amounted to over $600.00. Money was lifted for Mrs. Annie Younger who lost her home and possessions by fire Thanksgiving day. They have five children. This made the total for the day $700.00.

Rev. J. McLaughlin, Mrs. Grace Walker and Mrs. Esther Callaham were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Canada Sat., Dec. 4.

Rev. J. A. Shelton and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Cantz attended services Sunday at St. Luke and were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Canada.

Detective Sergeant James Hunter from New Jersey, was a visitor to his mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. Scott.

Mr. Winfred Tweedy was a visitor to his home of Mr. Cliff Tweedy and attended services at St. Luke Sunday.

Mr. T. H. Nowlin is still quite ill in the St. John's Nursing Home, Lynchburg.

AIS Drama Club

The first meeting of the AIS Drama Club was held on December 2, 1971 in the auditorium. Mrs. Sweet, club sponsor, explained what the club is all about and told of some of the things we would do during the year.

Officers were elected as follows: President, Cathy Paulette Vice - President, Stephanie Martin; business manager, Carolyn Jo Morris; Publicity chairman, Debbie Rush.

After electing officers, we did some improvisations and pantomines, and the meeting was adjourned.

Letters To Santa

Dear Santa,

I have been good sometimes. What do you think about it. When I do something I am corrected. I hope you will bring me what I want.

I would like a Woodcarving Set, a Chemistry Set, a Football, a Football Suit, a Record Player that runs on batteries, a pair of Walkie Talkies, a B.B. Pistol with Holster, and a Drum Set.

Love,
James Vaughan

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me the things I have listed. If you can't bring all of it, bring me what you want me to have or what you think my Mom and Dad wants me to have. I will have cookies and milk for you.

I would like to have a Rifel, a gun and Holster set, Cowboy Boots, Hillfold, Woodburning Set, Electric Car and some clothes and Cowboy Suit size 12.

Love,
David Vaughan

Believes In Two-Wheel Safety

Who's that under the helmet? He's a motorcycle rider who learned to ride a "bike" – well, a few years ago. He still is of the opinion that two-wheels will get you there and back safely, when proper safety measures are observed. Since he didn't know his picture was being taken, it might not be fair to make positive identification! Readers can usually find him in Appomattox, however, carrying out ever so many civic duties (but usually not on a motorcycle.)

Newbill Family Outstanding

The Jack H. Newbill family of Wirtz, Virginia, has been cited as the "Outstanding Young Farm Family of the Year" in Southside Virginia.

The presentation of the area award of the Newbill family was a highlight of the 16th annual Area Young Farmer-Young Homemaker Convention Friday afternoon and evening at the King of the Sea Restaurant in Danville.

Newbill, 35, owns and operates a 534 acre dairy farm. An additional 12 acres are rented. Major enterprises include dairy cattle, corn, grain, sorghum, hay, and small grain.

The area winner studied vocational agriculture in high school. He earned a degree in dairy science at VPI. He has been a member of the Rocky Mount Young Farmer Association for twelve years and has held three Young Farmer offices.

The Snow Creek Association of Young Farmers was recognized for overall accomplishments.

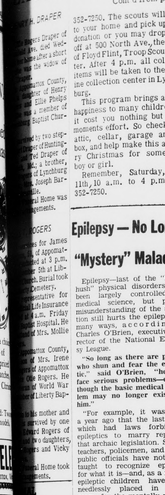
Roger Barnhart of Rocky Mount was the area YF winner in corn growing.

First place in Farm and Home Safety went to the Dan River Association.

F. J. Myers, Chatham, was awarded honorary membership by the Young Farmers. This is the highest honor awarded by the YF organization.

BETA CLUB

On Dec. 2, President Jimmy Chandler called the meeting of the Appomattox Co. High School Beta Club to order. Kay Paulette gave devotions and Dianne Williams, secretary, then called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. The club, then, elected three new officers from among the new members. These were Captain, Joan Coleman; Reporter, Pat Hudson; and Historian, Martha Harvey. Following these elections the club voted to participate in the Toys for Tots campaign for the Appomattox County area and discussed appearance on Klassroom Kwiz. After nominations for contestants for the game showwere completed, a program was given by the 5th period chorus class, directed by Mrs. Gibson. Pres. Chandler closed the meeting.



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Epilepsy — No Longer "Mystery" Malady

Epilepsy—last of the "hush-hush" physical disorders—has been largely controlled by medical science, but public misunderstanding of the affliction still hurts the epileptic in many ways, according to Charles O'Brien, executive director of the National Epilepsy League.

"So long as there are people who shun and fear the epileptic," said O'Brien, "he will face serious problems—even though the basic medical problem may no longer exist for him."

"For example, it was only a year ago that the last state which had laws forbidding epileptics to marry repealed that archaic legislation. School teachers, policemen, and other public officials have not been taught to recognize epilepsy for what it is—and, as a result, epileptic children have been needlessly placed in classrooms for the mentally retarded—and adults have been jailed, in error, for drunkeness," O'Brien said.

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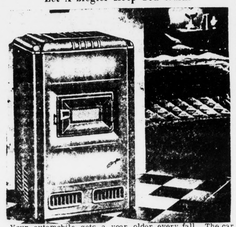

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